

Small- x physics with CMS at LHC

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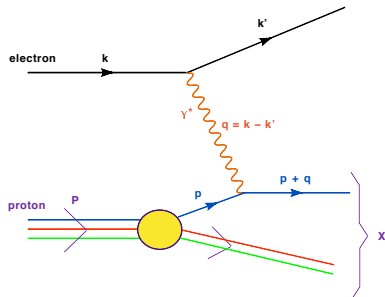
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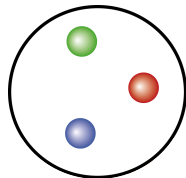
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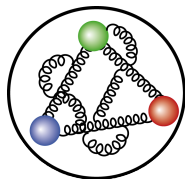
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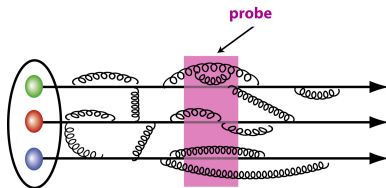
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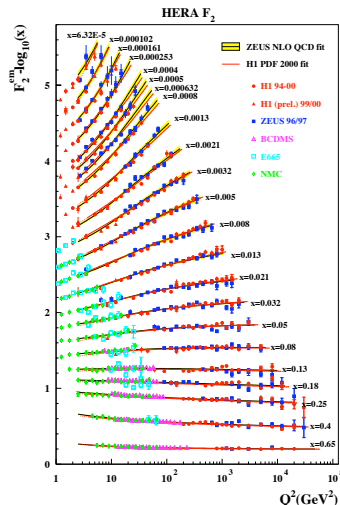
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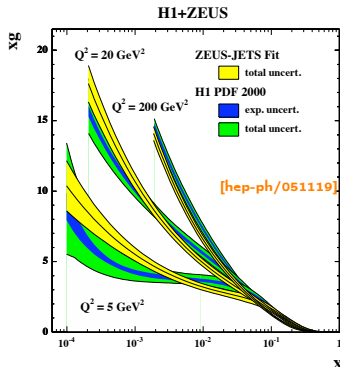
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Parton (x, Q^2) evolution

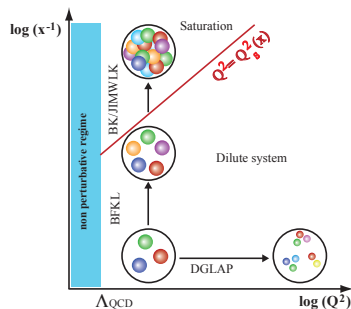
- **increasing Q^2** ($Q^2 > Q_s^2$): DGLAP \Rightarrow evolution towards the **dilute** system
- **decreasing x** ($Q^2 < Q_s^2$): BFKL \Rightarrow evolution towards the **high density** system
- linear evolution equation doesn't work at low- x :
 - non-linear g+g fusion
 - unitarity violation

Saturation criterion

- number of partons per unit area $\rho \sim \frac{xG(x, Q^2)}{\pi R^2}$
- recombination cross-section $\sigma_{gg \rightarrow g} \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{Q^2}$
- recombination if $\rho \sigma_{gg \rightarrow g} \geq 1$ ($Q^2 \leq Q_s^2$)
- **saturation scale** $Q_s^2 \sim \frac{\alpha_s x G(x, Q_s^2)}{\pi R^2}$

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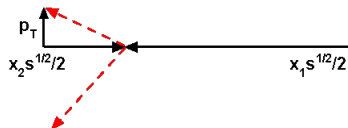
- effective field theory for high energy limit
- gluons overlap for momenta $\sim Q_s$
- non-linear JIMWLK evolution equation



Low- x PDF experimentally

- low- x = forward rapidity

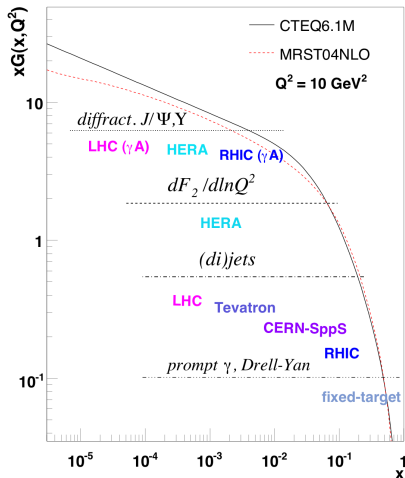
$$x_2^{min} \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} \cdot e^{-y} = x_T \cdot e^{-y}$$



every 2 units of y : x_2^{min} decreases by ~ 10

- Processes:

- Drell-Yan: $p(p_1) + p(p_2) \rightarrow \ell\bar{\ell} + X$
- prompt- γ : $p(p_1) + p(p_2) \rightarrow \text{jet} + \gamma + X$
- di(jets): $p(p_1) + p(p_2) \rightarrow \text{jet}_1 + \text{jet}_2 + X$
- heavy Q : $p(p_1) + p(p_2) \rightarrow Q + \bar{Q} + X$
- diffractive $Q\bar{Q}$ (γp , γA)

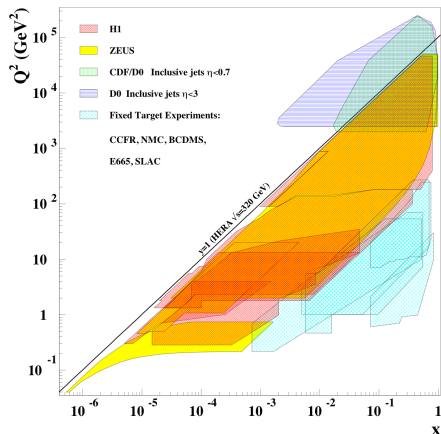


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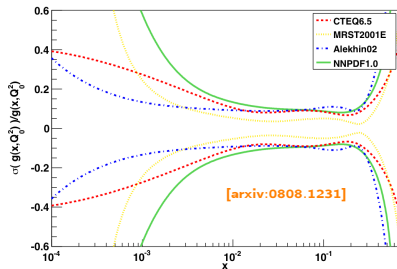


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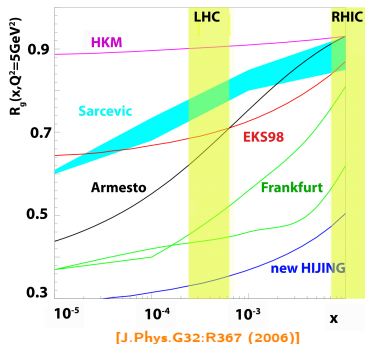
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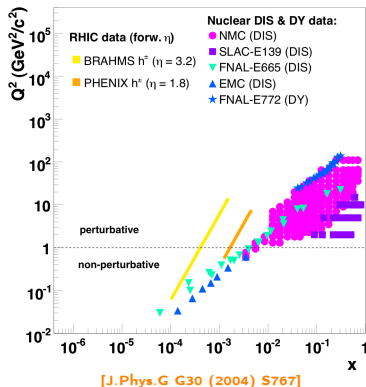
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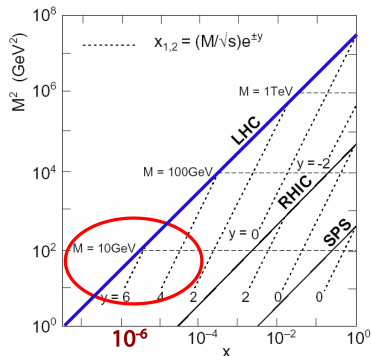
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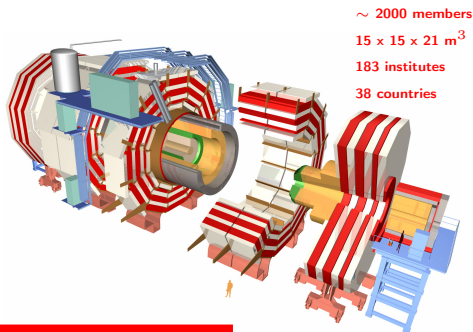
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CMS experiment

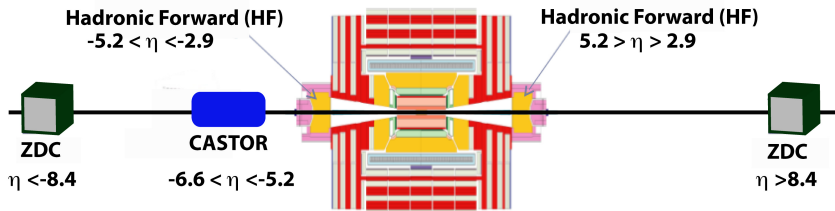
CMS: dedicated to explore physics at the **TeV scale**

- **prime** goals: mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking and provide evidence of physics beyond SM
- also **SM** measurements : QCD, B-physics, diffraction, top quark, and electroweak physics topics such as the W and Z boson
- Detector:
 - inner **tracking** system
($|\eta| < 2.5$)
 - **calorimeters**
(electromagnetic: $|\eta| < 3$,
hadronic: $|\eta| < 5$)
 - **muon** system ($|\eta| < 2.4$)
 - few **forwards** detectors
(CASTOR: $-6.6 < \eta < -5.2$
and ZDC: $|\eta| > 8.3$)



Ideally suited to study low- x physics

Going forward: detectors



■ HF

- rapidity coverage:
 $2.9 < |\eta| < 5.2$
- at 11.2 m from IP
- steel absorbers and embedded radiation-hard quartz fibers for fast collection of Cherenkov light
- segmentation in η et ϕ : 0.175×0.175

■ CASTOR

- rapidity coverage:
 $-6.6 < \eta < -5.2$
- at 14.3 m from IP
- alternate tungsten absorbers and quartz plates
- segmentation in ϕ : 16 sectors
- 14 modules (2EM+12HAD)

■ ZDC

- rapidity coverage:
 $|\eta| > 8.4$
- at 140 m from IP
- tungsten/quartz Cherenkov calorimeter with separated EM and HAD sections
- detection of neutrals (γ , π^0 , n)

CMS \Rightarrow unprecedented calorimetric coverage in pseudo-rapidity

p+p collisions

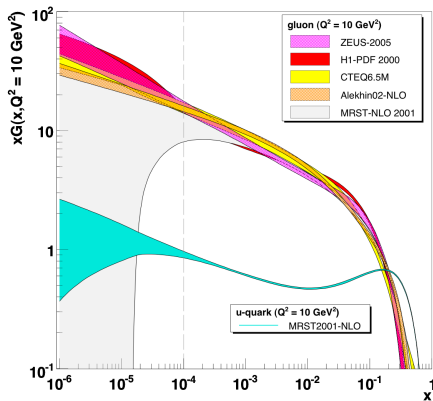
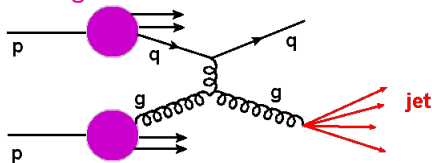
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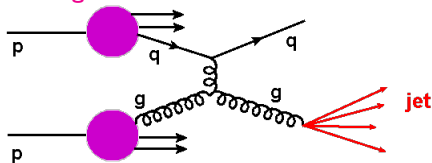
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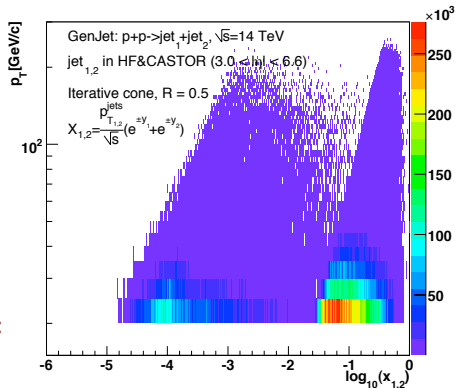
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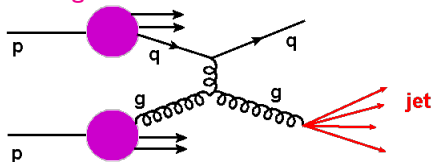
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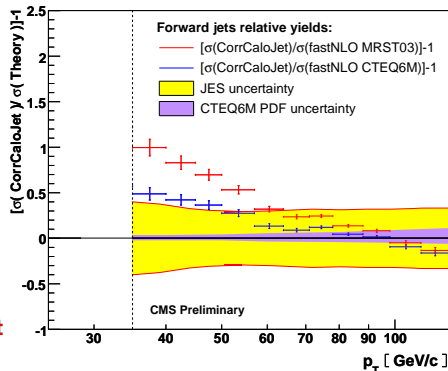
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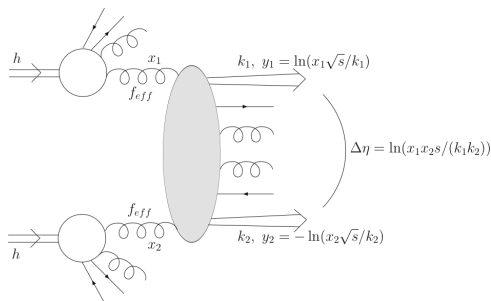
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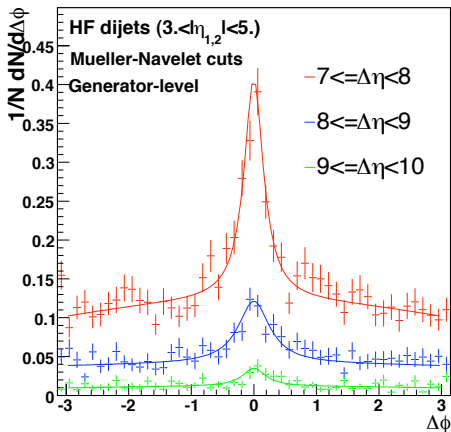
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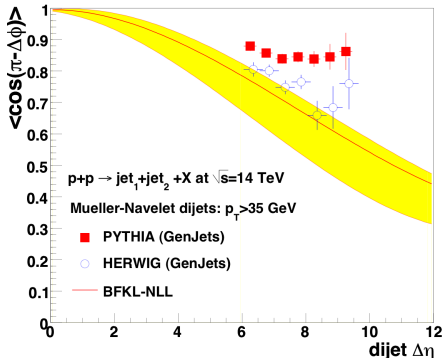


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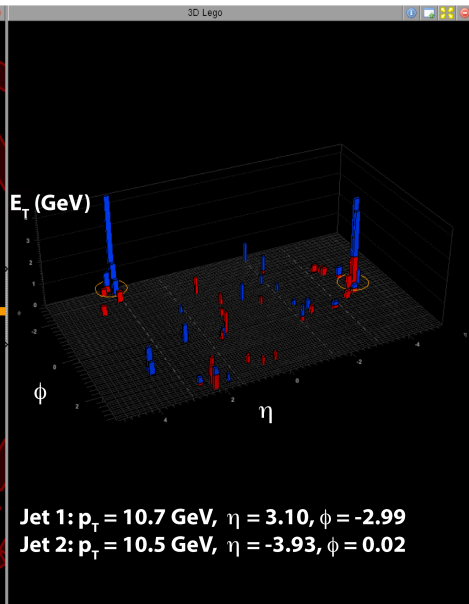
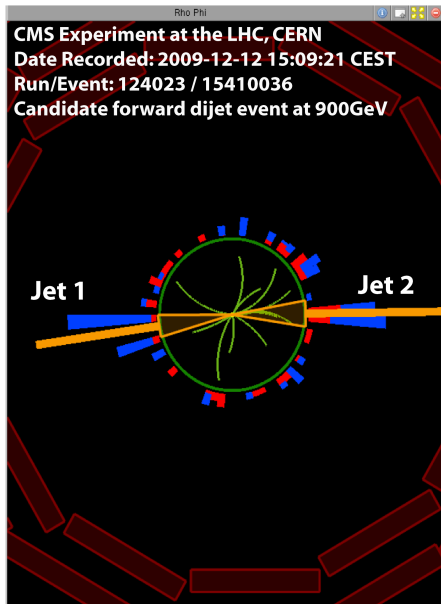
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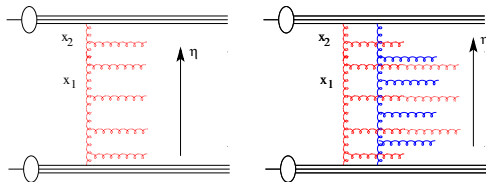
Dedicated HLT trigger !

p+p: First candidate for Mueller-Navelet dijets in 900 GeV data !



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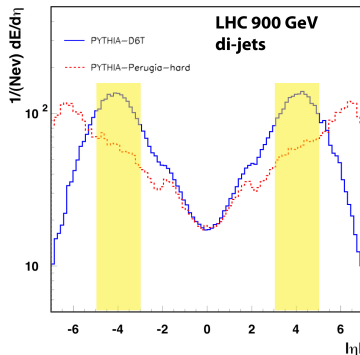
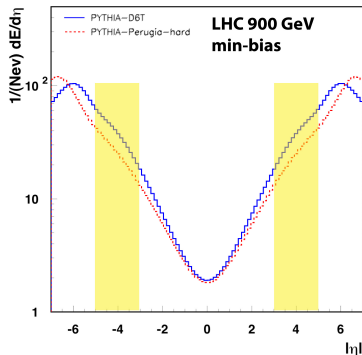
- improve the understanding of the **parton radiation** in the initial state
- study the **multiparton interactions**
- implemented in Monte Carlo event generators: need **parameters** to be adjusted to describe the measurements
- the extrapolation to larger energies is **very uncertain**
- it probes **underlying event** in a new way



The energy dependance of multiple parton interactions is not well known yet !

p+p: Forward energy flow: Predictions

- comparison of two different tunes: Pythia-D6T (CTEQ6L1) and Pythia-Perugia (CTEQ5L)
- energy flow in **central** region at low \sqrt{s} does **not** change much with tunes
- significant difference observed in the **large pseudorapidity** region ($|\eta| > 2$)



Energy flow in the forward region \Rightarrow has never been measured at a hadron collider

p+p: Forward energy flow: First look on the real data !

■ Event selection

■ min-bias trigger

- Beam Pick-up Timing for the eXperiments (BPTX): provide the information on the bunch structure and timing of the incoming beam with the precision better than 0.2 ns
- Beam Scintillator Counters (BSC): provide hit and coincidence rates
- rejection of beam halo events

- rejection of non-IP events: require at least 10 tracks with 25% of the tracks to be high purity
- at least one primary vertex reconstructed with number of tracks > 3 with $|z| < 15$ cm (distance to the CMS IP) and impact parameter $d_0 \leq 2$ cm

■ Energy flow ratio definition

$$R_{Eflow}^{\sqrt{s_1}, \sqrt{s_2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{N_{\sqrt{s_1}}} \frac{\Delta E_{\sqrt{s_1}}}{\Delta \eta}}{\frac{1}{N_{\sqrt{s_2}}} \frac{\Delta E_{\sqrt{s_2}}}{\Delta \eta}}$$

where

$$\sqrt{s_1} = 2.36 \text{ or } 7 \text{ TeV}$$

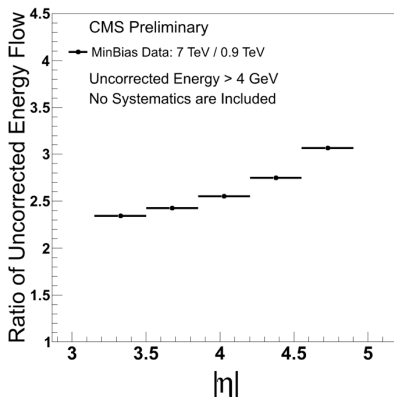
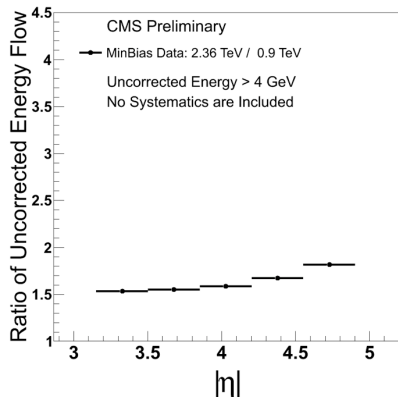
$$\sqrt{s_2} = 0.9 \text{ TeV}$$

$N_{\sqrt{s}}$: number of selected minimum bias events for given energy

$\Delta E_{\sqrt{s}}$: energy deposited in a region in $\Delta \eta$ for a given energy (integrated over azimuthal angle)

p+p: Forward energy flow: Results !

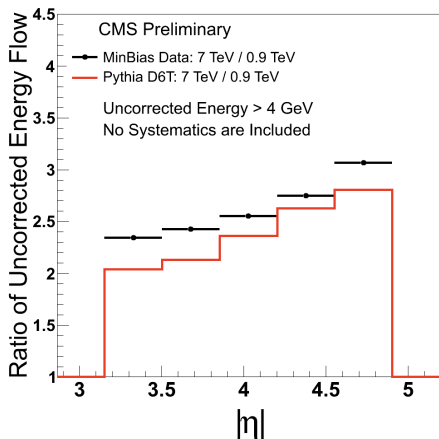
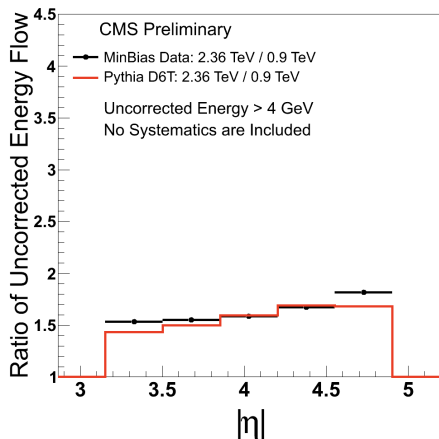
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p+p: Forward energy flow: Conclusions

- CMS is working very well
- First measurement of energy flow in the forward region was performed
- First results are very encouraging
- Input to Monte Carlo simulations
 - include the systematics
 - can be used for the MC tuning
 - can teach us more about small- x evolution and parton radiation

LHC opened a new phase space for small- x physics studies

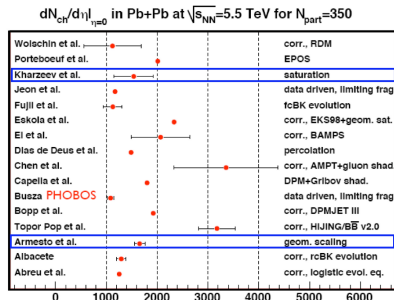
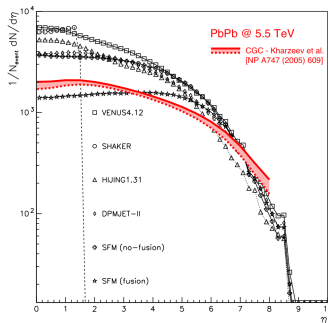
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Pb+Pb: total hadron multiplicity

- final **hadron** rapidity **density** \propto number of **initially** release **partons** at a given η

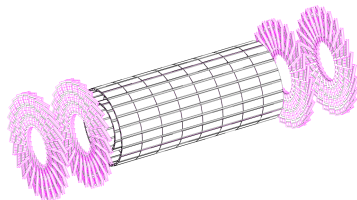
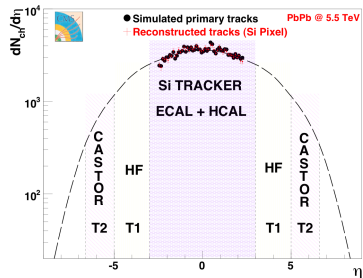
$$\frac{dN}{d^2bd\eta} \propto \frac{1}{\alpha_s(Q_s^2)} Q_s^2 \propto xG(x, Q_s^2) \cdot A^{1/3}$$

- reduced** multiplicity predicted by saturation models: **gluon recombination** reduces incoming parton flux
- saturation** driven predictions for LHC: $dN/d\eta(\eta=0) \sim 2000$ (8000 before RHIC results)



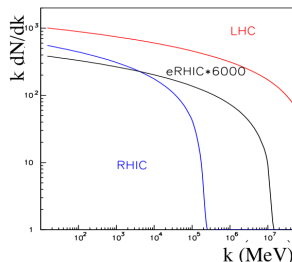
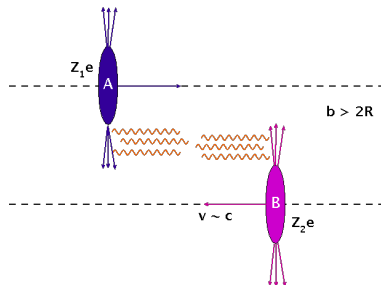
Pb+Pb: multiplicity with CMS

- **day-1** measurement !
- method: **hit counting** in the pixel tracker
 $|\eta| < 2.5$
- CMS Si **pixel tracker**:
 - 3 layers 53.3 cm long barrel layers (innermost barrel radius of 4.4 cm)
 - 2 end-cap disks
 - full ϕ
 - pixel size ($z \times r$) = $100 \times 150 \mu m$
- resolution
 - impact parameter: $\sim 100 \mu m$
 - p_T : $\sim 0.7 \%$ for 1 GeV ($\eta=0$)



Pb+Pb: Photon beams at the LHC

- Weizsacker-Williams (EPA):
 - **electromagnetic field** (coherent action of $Z=82$ proton charges)
 - generated equivalent **flux of photons**
- characteristics of **Ultra-Peripheral Collisions** (UPC)
 - $b_{min} \sim 2R_A$: nuclei do not collide $\Rightarrow \gamma$ -induced reactions
 - γ -flux $\sim Z^2$: **enhancement** factor of 7000 is expected for Pb beam (if compared to electron or proton beam)
 - Max photon energy: $\omega_{max} \approx \gamma/R_A \sim 3$ (80) GeV for Au+Au RHIC (Pb+Pb LHC)
 - max center of mass energy for γ +Pb collisions:
 - $\sqrt{s}_{\gamma+Pb} \approx 30$ (900) GeV for Au+Au RHIC (Pb+Pb LHC)
 - LHC $\sim 3\text{--}4 \sqrt{s}_{\gamma+p}$ at HERA
 - coherence condition \Rightarrow very **low** γ **virtuality**:
production of **low** transverse momenta particles (~ 30 MeV)



Pb+Pb: $Q\bar{Q}$ photoproduction in UPC

- sensitive to the **square of the gluon density** in the nucleus

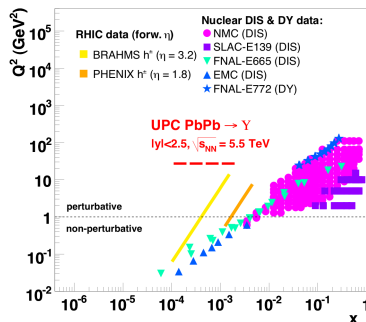
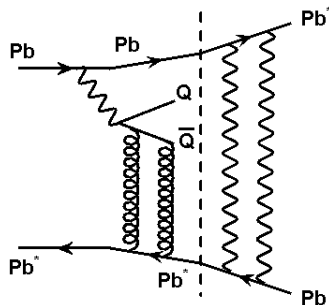
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma p, A \rightarrow V_{p, A}}}{dt} = \frac{\alpha_s^2 \Gamma_{ee}}{3\alpha M_V^5} 16\pi^3 [xG(x, Q^2)]^2 \text{ with } Q^2 = M_V^2/4 \text{ and } x = M_V^2/W_{\gamma p, A}^2$$

- x probed in $\gamma + A \Rightarrow Y + A$ process at LHC:

- for $y=0$: $x \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- for $y=2.5$: $x \approx [x(y=0)] \cdot e^{-y} \approx 10^{-4}$

- available (x, Q^2) regime to constraint the **nuclear PDFs**

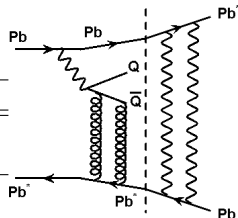
- **Unexplored** (x, Q^2) can be studied !



Pb+Pb: UPC $\gamma\text{Pb} \rightarrow \Upsilon$: cross section prediction

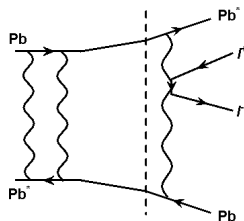
- STARLIGHT Monte Carlo predictions: **signal**

Process	σ_{tot}	σ_{X_n}	$\sigma_{X_n X_n}$
$\text{Pb}+\text{Pb} \rightarrow \gamma+\text{Pb} \rightarrow \text{J}/\psi+\text{X}$	32 mb	8.7 mb	2.5 mb
$\text{Pb}+\text{Pb} \rightarrow \gamma+\text{Pb} \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)+\text{X}$	173 μb	78 μb	25 μb



- background**: coherent production of lepton pairs in two-photon processes

Process	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
$\sigma(m_{inv} > 1.5 \text{ GeV})$	139 mb	45 mb
$\sigma(m_{inv} > 6 \text{ GeV})$	2.8 mb	1.2 mb



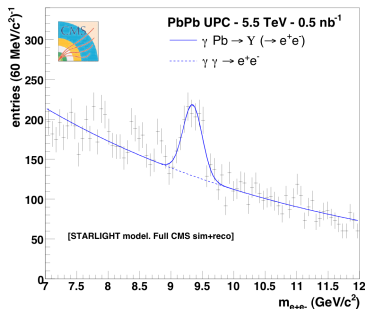
- $\sim 50\%$ of UPC interactions lead to the nuclear breakup with forward neutron emission (X_n)

Pb+Pb: Study from the simulation

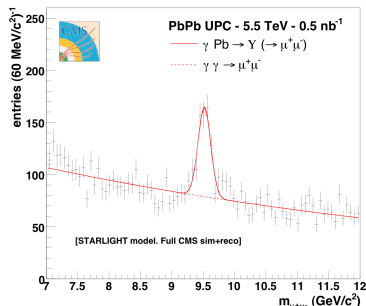
■ signal to background ratio

$$\frac{N_{\text{signal}}}{N_{\text{continuum}}} = \frac{\sigma_{PbPb \rightarrow \gamma Pb \rightarrow \gamma} \times BR(\Upsilon \rightarrow l^+ l^-)}{\sigma_{PbPb \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \rightarrow l^+ l^-} (m_{\text{inv}} = 6-12 \text{ GeV}/c^2)} \approx 0.35\% (0.15\%) \text{ for } \mu^+ \mu^- (e^+ e^-)$$

■ full CMS simulation and reconstruction



Peak position: ~ 9.35 GeV
Mass resolution: ~ 150 MeV

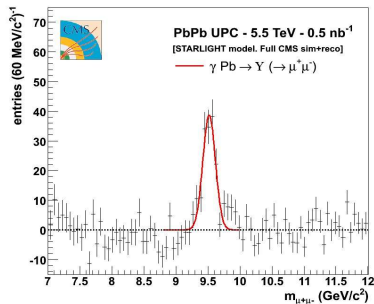
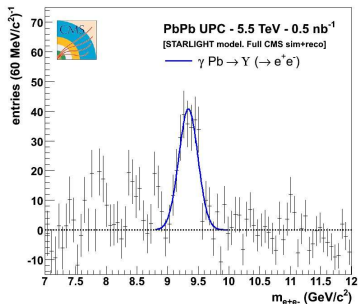


Peak position: ~ 9.52 GeV
Mass resolution: ~ 90 MeV

Excellent mass resolution \Rightarrow higher $b\bar{b}$ states (not simulated) can be separated

Pb+Pb: extracted yields

- 1 year of Pb+Pb running ($\sim 10^6$ s) with background subtracted



- final rates

- $N(\Upsilon \rightarrow e^+e^-)$: $\sim 220 \pm 15\%$ (stat) $\pm 10\%$ (syst)
- $N(\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$: $\sim 180 \pm 13\%$ (stat) $\pm 10\%$ (syst)

Large statistics for detailed studies of gluon PDF

Summary

- **Non-linear** QCD evolution and gluon saturation **MUST** be taken into account in the high energy limit
- **First signs** of non linear QCD dynamics in HERA (e+p) and RHIC (d+A, A+A)
- **CMS allows** to study high density QCD in p+p/Pb+Pb/p+Pb down to $x \sim 10^{-5}$ using forward detectors and perturbative processes
- CMS detector is **working very well** and taking a **high quality data**
- first **analysis** of p+p data were **performed**: forward jets and energy flow
- we are **looking forward** for more data to perform **detailed studies** of the jets in the **forward region**